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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6365**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 137**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 9, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Mufflers on Motorcycles.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Zakas

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** **X** GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that: (1) a motorcycle may not be equipped with a straight pipe exhaust system (whether or not baffles are present), hollow core muffler, or muffler that is labeled for off-road closed course competition use if the motorcycle is operated on a highway; (2) a motorcycle manufactured after December 31, 1982, must bear an exhaust system noise emissions control information label and a motorcycle noise emissions control information label with a corresponding model-specific code; and (3) a person may not modify the exhaust system of a motorcycle in a manner that amplifies or increases the noise emitted by the motor of the motorcycle above the noise emitted by the muffler installed by the manufacturer.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* Individuals who are found to be in violation of the motorcycle equipment, muffler, and noise limit restrictions contained in the bill commit a Class C infraction. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which would be deposited in the state General Fund. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Penalty Provision:* If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from court fees. However, any additional revenue is likely to be small.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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